

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Shapiro for the courtesy of a telephone conference on October 8, 2006.

During the telephone conference a brief discussion was conducted on MPEP § 2115 and more particularly that the line of cases cited, were limited to claims directed to machinery which works upon an article or material in its intended use. These cited cases did not address patentable limitations of an article that cooperated with the machinery as a product system claim. It was noted in MPEP § 2115 that it did not apply to a plurality of articles or elements that are grouped together.

The present invention is now defined as a system and incorporates as the elements of the system, a plurality of tokens of a predetermined diameter that will cooperate with a specific dimensional configuration of the dispenser. The storing bowl includes a lower section having a convex circular opening of a specific diameter between approximately 3 to 5 times the predetermined diameter of the plurality of tokens to intentionally create a quasi jamming condition of tokens over the circular opening of the lower section so that the "bridge of tokens" helps support the weight of the tokens and thereby lessens any force load on the rotating disc.

By structuring our claims as a system and adding the plurality of tokens as an element with a relationship between the token diameter and convex section circular opening it is believed that the patentable weight of such a system must be given significance and certainly distinguishes over the cited references.

The Office Action rejection did not give a patentable weight to this feature since the diameter of the tokens were not included as an element in the claim.

Certainly the intentional creation of the quasi jamming condition of a token bridge is neither taught nor suggested by any of the references of record.

It is believed that the amendments to the claims do not create new issues in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.116 but simply recasts the previous claims as system claims and positively recites a plurality of tokens of a predetermined diameter to provide an antecedent foundation for a specific definition of our convex section circular opening to achieve unique advantages over that of the prior art.

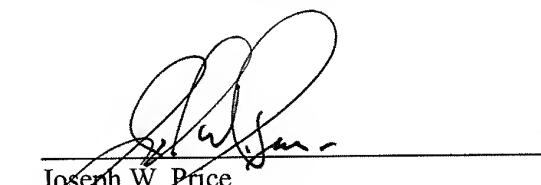
Examiner Shapiro indicated that he would review any Rule 116 submission and address these issues but did not commit to any position on the allowability of the claims so that he would have an opportunity to review our claims.

If there are any suggestions on these issues, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed telephone number.

It is believed that the application is now allowable and an early notification of the same is requested.

Very truly yours,

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